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1984 ADDITIONS BRING U.S. ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST TO 828;
AMERICAN ALLIGATOR, BROWN PELICAN CONTINUE RECOVERY

Forty-six more native and foreign animals and plants, ranging from China's giant panda to the diminutive bumblebee bat, thought to be the world's smallest bat, were added to the U.S. List of Endangered and Threatened Species during 1984, Robert Jantzen, director of the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said today. Among United States species, the Wyoming toad, the woodstork, and the woodland caribou are all now protected by the Endangered Species Act.

With these additions, the number of endangered and threatened species on the list now stands at 828, of which 331 species are found in the United States and 497 are found solely in other countries. The grand total includes 297 mammals, 220 birds, 99 reptiles, 85 plants, 62 fishes, 24 clams, 16 amphibians, 12 insects, nine snails, and four crustaceans.

In addition to the new listings, 54 other species were proposed in 1984 for listing as endangered or threatened. Among these are the wide-ranging interior least tern and piping plover, plants as exotic-sounding as the Last Chance townsendia and the large-flowered fiddleneck, and the Perdido Key beach mouse, believed to be the Nation's most critically endangered small mammal.

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This year provided good news for several species that appear headed toward eventual recovery. The Arctic peregrine falcon and the Utah prairie dog were moved from "endangered" to "threatened" listings -- reflecting an improvement in their status. The tiny snail darter -- a southern Appalachian member of the perch family that sparked the most celebrated court test of the Endangered Species Act -- was likewise reclassified to "threatened," due in large part to the discovery of small numbers of the fish in additional locations. Other species on their way to a more secure future include the southeastern population of the brown pelican, whose removal from the endangered list has been proposed, and the Florida population of the American alligator, whose numbers have increased sufficiently that limited harvests of the reptile may be permitted, similar to those already held in Texas and Louisiana.

The Endangered Species Act entered its second decade in 1984. It is considered the world's foremost law protecting species faced with extinction. Among its major features are penalties for harming endangered animals, obligations placed on Federal agencies and projects under Federal license or sponsorship to protect endangered species, and the listing of threatened and endangered species eligible for protection under the act.

"The addition of any new species to the endangered species list is no cause for celebration," says Jantzen. "But such listings enable us to extend legal protections to these species and focus national and international attention on their plight. Our goal is eventual removal of all species from the list as recovery efforts for each of them are successfully concluded."

Listing is only the first step toward bringing a species back from the brink of extinction. Using the goals established by recovery plans for formally designated endangered species, biologists, conservation organizations, and State and Federal natural resource managers attempt to improve a species' status through research, habitat protection, increased law enforcement, improved land management practices, captive breeding, relocations, and establishment of experimental populations. There are now 164 approved recovery plans for endangered and threatened species -- an increase of 54 plans over 1983.

"Endangered" means that a species is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range. "Threatened" means that a species is likely to become endangered.

A summary of all final and proposed listing actions, reclassifications, and removals from the endangered species list during 1984 is attached.

FINAL LISTINGS -- U.S. SPECIES

<p>Animals: Wyoming toad (Wyoming) Woodstork (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina) Woodland caribou (Washington, Idaho) Little Mariana fruit-bat (Guam) Mariana fruit bat (Guam) Guam broadbill (Guam) Mariana crow (Guam) Mariana gallinule (Guam) Micronesian kingfisher (Guam) Guam rail (Guam) Vanikoro swiftlet (Guam) Bridled white-eye (Guam) Key Largo woodrat (Florida) Key Largo cotton mouse (Florida) Yaqui catfish (Arizona) Yaqui chub (Arizona) Beautiful shiner (Arizona, New Mexico) Smoky madtom (Tennessee) Ozark cavefish (Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas) Amargosa vole (California)</p>	<p>Plants: Florida torreyia (Florida, Georgia) Cuneate bidens (Hawaii) Diamond Head scheidea (Hawaii) Arizona agave (Arizona) Arizona cliffrose (Arizona) Clay-loving wild buckwheat (Colorado) Key tree cactus (Florida) Ashy dogweed (Texas) Johnston's frankenia (Texas) Slender-petaled mustard (California) Pedate checker-mallow (California) Texas snowbells (Texas) <u>Gouania hillebrandii</u> (Hawaii)</p>
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FINAL LISTINGS -- FOREIGN SPECIES

<p>Animals: -Rodrigues flying fox fruit bat Bulmer's flying fox fruit bat Singapore roundleaf horse-shoe bat Bumblebee bat Buff-headed marmoset Preuss's red colobus monkey Vancouver Island marmot African wild dog Pakistan sand cat Giant panda Hierro giant lizard Ibiza wall lizard</p>	<p>Plants: Costa Rican jatropha</p>
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PROPOSED LISTINGS -- U.S. SPECIES

<p>Animals: Modoc sucker (California) Owens tui chub (California) Railroad Valley springfish (Nevada) Niangua darter (Missouri) Hutton tui chub (Oregon) Fosskett speckled dace (Oregon) White River springfish (Nevada) Hiko White River springfish (Nevada) Pecos bluntnose shiner (New Mexico) Desert pupfish (Arizona, California)</p>	<p>Plants: <u>Carex specuicola</u> (Arizona) <u>Maguire primrose</u> (Utah) Rhizome fleabane (New Mexico) Thornber's fishhook cactus (Arizona) Large-flowered fiddleneck (California) Sacramento Mountains thistle (New Mexico) Last Chance townsendia (Utah) Welsh's milkweed (Utah)</p>
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PROPOSED LISTINGS -- U.S. SPECIES (CONT.)

Animals:	Warner sucker (Oregon)	Plants:	Beautiful goetzea (Puerto Rico)
	Desert dace (Nevada)		San Mateo thornmint (California)
	White River spinedace (Nevada)		Mancos milk-vetch (New Mexico, Colorado)
	Interior least tern (Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico)		Vahl's boxwood (Puerto Rico)
	Sonora chub (Arizona)		Blue Ridge goldenrod (Tennessee, North Carolina)
	Fish Creek Springs tui chub (Nevada)		Lakela's mint (Florida)
	Choctawhatchee beach mouse (Florida)		Maguire daisy (Utah)
	Perdido Key beach mouse (Alabama, Florida)		Miccosukee gooseberry (Florida, South Carolina)
	Alabama beach mouse (Alabama)		Short's goldenrod (Kentucky)
	June sucker (Utah)		Hawaiian gardenia (Hawaii)
	Amber darter (Georgia, Tennessee)		Spurge (Florida)
	Trispot darter (Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee)		Garber's spurge (Florida)
	Conasauga logperch (Georgia, Tennessee)		Crenulate lead-plant (Florida)
	Bay checkerspot butterfly (California)		Small's milk-pea (Florida)
	Tar River spiny mussel (North Carolina)		Tiny polygala (Florida)
	Piping plover ("Endangered" status for populations in Great Lakes watershed; "threatened" status elsewhere in the wild.)		Ruth's golden aster (Tennessee)
	Carolina northern flying squirrel (North Carolina, Tennessee)		Slender rush-pea (Texas)
	Virginia northern flying squirrel (Virginia, West Virginia)		
	Inyo brown towhee (California)		

FINAL RECLASSIFICATIONS AND DELISTINGS -- U.S. AND FOREIGN

Species:	Range:	Action:
Sampson's pearly mussel	Illinois, Indiana	Delisted
Indian flap-shelled turtle	Foreign	Delisted
Arctic peregrine falcon	Arctic	"Endangered" to "Threatened"
Utah prairie dog	Utah	"Endangered" to "Threatened"
Snail darter	Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee	"Endangered" to "Threatened"
Bahama swallowtail butterfly	Florida, Bahamas	Delisted
Schaus swallowtail butterfly	Florida	"Threatened" to "Endangered"

PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATIONS AND DELISTINGS -- U.S. AND FOREIGN

Species:	Range:	Action:
Brown pelican	Southeast U.S.	Delist
American alligator	Florida	"Threatened" to "Threatened by Similarity of Appearance"
Palau fantail	Palau	Delist
Palau ground dove	Palau	Delist
Palau owl	Palau	Delist